## ETC ANNUAL REPORTS PER WAC 480-123-070 AND WAC 480-123-080

# July 1, 2020 Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company

Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company") hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.

1. Report 1: Report on use of funds: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a):

The Company used support from the federal high-cost fund in the calendar year 2019 as follows: To support investments made by the Company in telecommunications plant used to provide voice services, broadband services and other telecommunications services, and to defray operating expenses incurred by the Company in its provision of those services.

In the calendar year 2019, the Company's gross capital expenditures and operating expenses paid, in whole or in part, with support from the federal high-cost fund were \$181,702 and \$2,842,025, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Major projects undertaken or completed in the calendar year 2019 include the following:

- (1) Purchase and deployment of Calix essential support for Calix electronic equipment (routing and transmission equipment, optical network terminals (ONTs) and equipment housings) to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This project serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Calix for this project during this time period totaled \$7,595.
- (2) Purchase and deployment of Ribbon/Genband essential support for C-15 central office soft switch and AMAX equipment to improve/maintain reliability of, and enhance services available from, the Company's network. This project serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Ribbon/Genband for this project during this time period totaled \$24,657.
- (3) Repayment of principal, and payment of interest with respect to, Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loans for construction of fiber to the home and related network and switching improvements. The RUS financing to which these payments pertain

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The amounts shown in this sentence are prior to Part 64 adjustments, if any.

supports service to both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345 by facilitating the investment in such construction and switching improvements. Payments to RUS during this time period totaled \$255,039.

- (4) Purchase and deployment of Fujitsu essential support for Fujitsu electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This project serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Fujitsu for this project during this time period totaled \$13,720.
- (5) Purchase and deployment of Tellabs essential support for Tellabs electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of company's network. This project serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Tellabs for this project during this time period totaled \$8,833.
- (6) Optical network terminal (ONT) installation, activation, and cutover of service to fiber optical facilities for customers in the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges. The cost of this project was approximately \$79,313, and this project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 105 people in the Company's service area.

Attached are copies of the Company's NECA-1 Report<sup>2</sup> for the calendar year 2018 and the Pending View Report for the calendar year 2019.

2. <u>Report 2</u>: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investments and expenses reported under Report 1, above, benefited consumers as follows:

Consumers served by the Company, as well as those consumers of other telecommunications service providers who may have communicated with the Company's customers utilizing telecommunications services provided by the Company, benefited from the use of high-cost fund support by continuing to receive high quality telecommunications services. Direct benefits within the Company's service area of specific projects are detailed in Report 1 above.

Through the expenditure of the federal high-cost support funds, the Company was able to continue to provide services at a level that the Company believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C § 254 of providing quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.<sup>3</sup> The Company has

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Company understands the reference to the "NECA-1 report" to refer to the values reported by the Company in response to the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Universal Service Data Collection Form or its on-line equivalent pertaining to the subject year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The term "ETC" is used herein with the same meaning as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.

made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services to its customers in its designated ETC service area. Those expenditures and investments, including those reflected in Report 1 above, generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from the Company within its designated ETC service area. The Company has expanded its network over the past several years so that it is capable of providing access to broadband services throughout most of the Company's designated ETC service area. The Company offers services that are comparable to services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to rates for such services in urban areas.

3. Report 3: Local Services Outage Report: WAC 480-123-070(2):

On the morning of Saturday, March 16, 2019, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time, a service outage affecting 281 telephone exchange service customers was caused by a fan tray malfunction, which then caused a Tellabs router to overheat and cease to function properly. Employees were alerted of the issue at approximately 10:00 a.m. The fan tray was replaced with a spare unit, which immediately allowed the router to reboot and resume functioning properly within minutes. Service was completely restored by approximately 10:51 a.m. on that same day.

4. Report 4: Report on Failure to Provide Service: WAC 480-123-070(3):

None

5. Report 5: Report on Complaints per 1000 Connections: WAC 480-123-070(4):

None

6. Report 6: Annual Plan: WAC 480-123-080(1):

As they are known to the Company at the date of filing of this Report, the Company's planned gross capital expenditures and operating expenses to be made or defrayed, in whole or in part, with federal high-cost support to be received by the Company during the coming calendar year (*i.e.*, 2021) are projected to be approximately \$231,000 and \$2,740,000, respectively.

Major projects planned to be undertaken or completed in the calendar year 2021 include the following:

(1) Purchase and deployment of Calix essential support for Calix electronic equipment (routing and transmission equipment, optical network terminals (ONTs), equipment housings) to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This project will serve both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and is expected

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- ultimately to provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Calix for this project during this time period are estimated to be \$7,600.
- (2) Purchase and deployment of Ribbon/Genband essential support for C15 central office soft switch and AMAX equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This project will service both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and is expected ultimately to provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Ribbon/Genband for this project during this time period are estimated to be \$25,000.
- (3) Repayment of, and payment of interest with respect to, RUS loans for construction of fiber to the home and related network and switching improvements. The RUS financing to which these payments pertain supports service to both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and is expected to provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. It is estimated that such payments to be made during this period will be approximately \$250,000.
- (4) Purchase and deployment of Fujitsu essential support for Fujitsu electric equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This project is expected to serve both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and to provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's area of 2,345. Payments to Fujitsu for this project during this time period are estimated to be \$14,000.
- (5) Purchase and deployment of Tellabs electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This project is expected to serve both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and to provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payments to Tellabs for this project during this time period are estimated to be \$9,000.
- (6) Optical network terminal (ONT) installation, activation, and cutover of service to fiber optic facilities for customers in the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges. The cost of this project is expected to be approximately \$40,000, and this project is expected to enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 50 people in the Company's service area.
- 7. Report 7: Plan of Investments and Expenditures: WAC 480-123-080(2):

As they are known to the Company at the date of filing of this Report, apart from major projects, the planned investment and expenditures to be made with federal high-cost support related to Washington state for the calendar year 2021, are planned to remain relatively the same as those the Company experienced in calendar year 2019, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and increased depreciation on new investment placed in service. The

Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. Planned major projects are as described or referenced in Report 6, above. The Company has not completed its budgeting process for the calendar year 2021, so the investment and expense figures presented in Report 6, above, for calendar year 2021 are not yet final and may be affected by changes in federal high-cost support. The Company anticipates that the continued receipt of federal high-cost support will allow the Company to continue to provide the supported services at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas. All customers in the Company's designated ETC service area will benefit from the expected level of support by continuing to have available to them services that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas. Moreover, the major projects identified in Report 6, above, are expected to benefit customers as there described.





Account 6560 (2220)

Subset 3 12/2019 WESTERN Applies to Period: Year End 6 Reg: Carol Larson 000032940 Mark Novy Contact Name: MSM: \*\*\*\*\*\* (360)-465-2211 Ext: Contact Phone: 00: Release Status: Released Co: 000002451 Western Wahkiakum County Tel. Co. Failed Edit 522451 WESTERN WAHKIAKUM SAR: Soft Edit Status: Pending View Source Description 060 969 EC **Total Loops** 963 EC 070 Cat. 1.3 Loops 090 113 EC **CBO Loops** 21,426,110 EC 160 Account 2001 170 Account 1220 299,537 EC EC 190 Account 3100 14,983,645 EC 195 0 Account 3400 1,552,741 EC 210 Account 4340 EC 220 5,189,261 Net Plant Investment 776,475 230 EC Account 2210 EC 235 Account 2220 0 Account 2230 2,837,380 EC 240 EC 245 3,613,855 **Total Central Office** 2,073,656 EC 250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13 16,281,274 EC 255 Account 2410 776,475 EC 260 Account 3100 (2210) 265 Account 3100 (2220) 0 EC 2,830,692 EC 270 Account 3100 (2230) EC 3,607,167 275 Account 3100 (2210-2230) 280 Account 3100 (2410) 9.914.447 EC 114,444 EC 310 Account 4340 (2210) 0 EC 315 Account 4340 (2220) -44,337 EC 320 Account 4340 (2230) EC 325 70,107 Account 4340 (2210-2230) EC 1,527,009 330 Account 4340 (2410) 34,655 EC 335 Account 6110 Total 2,339 EC 340 Account 6110 Benefits EC 345 Account 6110 Rents 0 67,432 EC 350 Account 6120 Total 19,520 EC 355 Account 6120 Benefits EC 360 Account 6120 Rents 365 Account 6210 Total 122,353 EC 34,789 EC 370 Account 6210 Benefits EC 0 375 Account 6210 Rents EC 380 Account 6220 Total 0 0 EC 385 Account 6220 Benefits 0 EC 390 Account 6220 Rents 126,253 EC 395 Account 6230 Total 44,347 EC 400 Account 6230 Benefits 0 EC 405 Account 6230 Rents EC 248,606 410 Account 6210-6230 165.056 EC 430 Account 6410 Total 66,135 EC 435 Account 6410 Benefits EC 440 4,403 Account 6410 Rents 515,749 EC 445 **Total Plant Specific** 435.809 EC 450 Account 6530 Total EC 455 Account 6530 Benefits 187,532 0 EC Account 6560 (2210) 510

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Subset WESTERN 6 Applies to Period: Year End 12/2019 Reg: Carol Larson MSM: 000032940 Mark Novy Contact Name: \*\*\*\*\*\* (360)-465-2211 Ext: 00: Contact Phone: Western Wahkiakum County Tel. Co. Released Co: 000002451 Release Status: WESTERN WAHKIAKUM SAR: 522451 Failed Edit Soft Edit Status: Source Pending View Description 200,308 EC 520 Account 6560 (2230) EC 200,308 525 Account 6560 (2210-2230) 570,365 EC 530 Account 6560 (2410) 0 EC 535 Account 6710 Total

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#### Comments:

Date: 6/18/2020

<sup>1.</sup> Line 320 - Tax to Book difference is negative.



#### **USF1010 LATEST VIEW REPORT**



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Account 6560 (2220)

Subset WESTERN 12/2018 6 Applies to Period: Year End Reg: 000032940 Mark Novy Carol Larson MSM: Contact Name: \*\*\*\*\* (360)-465-2211 Ext: Contact Phone: 00: Released Co: 000002451 Western Wahkiakum County Tel. Co. Release Status: WESTERN WAHKIAKUM 522451 Failed Edit SAR: Soft Edit Status: Latest View Description 1,064 060 **Total Loops** 070 Cat. 1.3 Loops 1,058 0 090 **CBO Loops** 21,383,199 160 Account 2001 170 Account 1220 223,445 14,322,866 190 Account 3100 0 195 Account 3400 1,667,950 210 Account 4340 Net Plant Investment 5,615,828 220 788,075 230 Account 2210 235 Account 2220 2,831,514 240 Account 2230 3,619,589 245 **Total Central Office** 250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13 2,149,353 16,196,581 255 Account 2410 788,075 260 Account 3100 (2210) 265 Account 3100 (2220) 0 2,716,409 270 Account 3100 (2230) 3,504,484 275 Account 3100 (2210-2230) 9.344.080 280 Account 3100 (2410) 99,860 310 Account 4340 (2210) 0 315 Account 4340 (2220) -2,341320 Account 4340 (2230) 97,519 325 Account 4340 (2210-2230) 1,616,672 330 Account 4340 (2410) 37,888 335 Account 6110 Total 2,936 340 Account 6110 Benefits 345 Account 6110 Rents 0 82,169 350 Account 6120 Total 20,689 355 Account 6120 Benefits 360 Account 6120 Rents 365 Account 6210 Total 111,385 28,144 Account 6210 Benefits 370 0 375 Account 6210 Rents 0 380 Account 6220 Total 0 385 Account 6220 Benefits 0 390 Account 6220 Rents 260,106 Account 6230 Total 395 57,338 Account 6230 Benefits 400 0 405 Account 6230 Rents 371,491 Account 6210-6230 410 166,812 430 Account 6410 Total 73,847 435 Account 6410 Benefits 935 440 Account 6410 Rents 658,360 **Total Plant Specific** 445 468,968 450 Account 6530 Total 208,637 Account 6530 Benefits 455 35,570 Account 6560 (2210) 510

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Subset 6 WESTERN 12/2018 Applies to Period: Year End Reg: Carol Larson MSM: 000032940 Mark Novy Contact Name: \*\*\*\*\* (360)-465-2211 Ext: 00: Contact Phone: Western Wahkiakum County Tel. Co. 000002451 Release Status: Released Co: WESTERN WAHKIAKUM Failed Edit SAR: 522451 Soft Edit Status: Latest View Description

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520	Account 6560 (2230)	298,146
525	Account 6560 (2210-2230)	333,716
530	Account 6560 (2410)	565,719
535	Account 6710 Total	0
540	Account 6710 Benefits	0
550	Account 6720 Total	856,794
555	Account 6720 Benefits	260,353
565	Sum of Lines 535 + 550	856,794
600	Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	712,811
610	Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	935
650	Account 7200 Other Taxes	124,149
700	Account 2410 (CWF)	16,196,581
710	Account 2410 (CWF-Cat.1)	15,564,790
800	Account 2680 Total	0
805	Account 2680 (2230)	0
810	Account 2680 (Cat. 4.13)	0
815	Acc 2680 (2410) Total CWF	0
820	Acc 2680 (2410)CWF-Cat1	0
830	Account 6560 (2680)	0
850	Account 6310	0
860	Account 6510	0
870	Account 6610	11,545
880	Account 6620	175,908

### Comments:

Date: 6/19/2019

1. Line 320 - Tax to Book difference is negative